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Burleson City Council members locked in the guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the Bartlett Park Recreation Center at \$17.441 million.

Council members approved a contract amendment with Hill and Wilkinson, Ltd. on a construction manager at risk contract. The agreement allows the City to know exactly what the guaranteed maximum price of the project is before construction begins. Unless changes in the construction of the recreation center are authorized by the City, any amount exceeding what the construction manager estimates for the project's construction is the sole responsibility of the construction manager.

Hill and Wilkinson, Ltd., is the 11th largest builder in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The company has completed 11 projects for the YMCA and recreation centers similar to the Bartlett Park Recreation Center project. Construction is projected to be complete by March 2010.

The preliminary plat for the center was approved at the Oct. 9 Burleson City Council meeting. The membership-supported center will be constructed on a 34.459 acre site that will also be home to soccer fields and an outdoor swimming pool. The 65,000-square-foot center will be two stories and include meeting rooms, offices, an indoor swimming pool, 5-lane lap pool, large fitness center, twin gymnasiums, and elevated jogging track. The Bartlett Park Recreation Center will be constructed at Bartlett Park, in the 500 block of Summercrest Boulevard.

The original concept for the center included only a 2-lane lap pool before the Burleson Independent School District partnered with the City for the construction of three additional lanes to provide a local training facility for their swim team. The citizens will also have use of the expanded exercise pool and the district will reimburse the City \$957,154 for the added lanes. Funding for the construction of the rest of the center will come from 2006 certificate of obligation 4B parks funds, 2008 certificate of obligation park improvements funds, and 4B sales tax miscellaneous projects. None of the construction or operational expense is supported by property tax.

Also at the Nov. 6 council meeting, council members approved a \$17,000 contract with GSBS for initial design and construction estimates for the Bartlett Park soccer fields. GSBS is also the architect for the new recreation center. The City has \$2.94 million in bond funds allocated for the Bartlett Soccer Complex.

For more information about this release, call the public information officer at 817-447-5400, ext. 286.